

IC 25-23.6-2

Chapter 2. Social Work Certification and Marriage and Family Therapists Credentialing Board

IC 25-23.6-2-1

Establishment of board

Sec. 1. The social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor board is established.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.147-1997, SEC.28.

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Membership of board; qualifications; political affiliation

Sec. 2. (a) The board consists of nine (9) members appointed by the governor for terms of three (3) years. The board must include the following:

- (1) Two (2) marriage and family therapists who:
 - (A) have at least a master's degree in marriage and family therapy or a related field from an institution of higher learning;
 - (B) are licensed under this chapter; and
 - (C) have five (5) years of experience in marriage and family therapy.
- (2) One (1) social worker who:
 - (A) has at least a master's degree in social work from an institution of higher education accredited by the Council on Social Work Education;
 - (B) is licensed under this article; and
 - (C) has at least five (5) years of experience as a social worker.
- (3) One (1) social services director of a hospital with a social work degree who has at least three (3) years of experience in a hospital setting.
- (4) Two (2) mental health counselors who:
 - (A) have at least a master's degree in mental health counseling;
 - (B) are licensed under this article; and
 - (C) have at least five (5) years experience as a mental health counselor.
- (5) Two (2) consumers who have never been credentialed under this article.
- (6) One (1) physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who has training in psychiatric medicine.

(b) Not more than five (5) members of the board may be from the same political party.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.35; P.L.255-1996, SEC.17; P.L.147-1997, SEC.29; P.L.2-1998, SEC.67.

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Per diem, travel, and other expenses

Sec. 3. Each member of the board who is not a state employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2(b). Each member of the board is entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.

IC 25-23.6-2-4**Removal of governor appointed member**

Sec. 4. A member of the board who is appointed by the governor may not be removed from the board except by action of the governor.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.

IC 25-23.6-2-5**Chairman; term**

Sec. 5. The board shall elect a chairman from among the members of the board for a one (1) year term. An individual may not be elected as chairman for more than two (2) consecutive one (1) year terms.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.

IC 25-23.6-2-6**Meetings**

Sec. 6. The board shall meet at least one (1) time each year.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.36.

IC 25-23.6-2-7**Duties of board**

Sec. 7. The board shall consider matters that are of interest to all board sections.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.37.

IC 25-23.6-2-8**Adoption of standards; fees; duties of board**

Sec. 8. (a) The board shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 establishing standards for the following:

- (1) The competent practice of marriage and family therapy, social work, clinical social work, and mental health counseling.
- (2) The renewal of licenses issued under this article.
- (3) Standards for the administration of this article.
- (4) Continuing education requirements for an individual seeking renewal of licensure as a social worker, clinical social worker, or marriage and family therapist.
- (5) The retention of patient records and reports by a counselor.
- (6) The approval of continuing education providers, programs,

- courses, fees, and proof of course completion.
- (b) The board shall establish fees under IC 25-1-8-2.
- (c) The board shall do the following:
 - (1) Consider the qualifications of individuals who apply for a license under this article.
 - (2) Provide for examinations required under this article.
 - (3) Subject to IC 25-1-8-6, renew licenses under this article.
 - (4) Conduct proceedings under IC 25-1-9.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.255-1996, SEC.18; P.L.147-1997, SEC.30; P.L.269-2001, SEC.20.

IC 25-23.6-2-9

Social worker section established

Sec. 9. (a) The social worker section of the board is established. The section consists of the following:

- (1) Two (2) social worker members of the board.
- (2) Two (2) consumer members of the board.
- (3) One (1) physician member of the board.
- (b) Three (3) members of the social worker section, two (2) of whom must be social workers, constitute a quorum.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.38; P.L.255-1996, SEC.19; P.L.147-1997, SEC.31.

IC 25-23.6-2-10

Marriage and family therapist section established

Sec. 10. (a) The marriage and family therapist section of the board is established. The section consists of the following:

- (1) Two (2) marriage and family therapist members of the board.
- (2) Two (2) consumer members of the board.
- (3) One (1) physician member of the board.
- (b) Three (3) members of the marriage and family therapist section, two (2) of whom must be marriage and family therapists, constitute a quorum.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.39; P.L.147-1997, SEC.32.

IC 25-23.6-2-10.5

Mental health counselor section established

Sec. 10.5. (a) The mental health counselor section of the board is established. The section consists of the following:

- (1) Two (2) mental health counselor members of the board.
- (2) Two (2) consumer members of the board.
- (3) One (1) physician member of the board.
- (b) Three (3) members of the mental health counselor section, two (2) of whom must be mental health counselors, constitute a quorum.

As added by P.L.147-1997, SEC.33.

IC 25-23.6-2-11

Duties of the social worker and marriage and family therapist

sections

Sec. 11. The social worker, marriage and family therapist, and mental health counselor sections of the board shall do the following:

- (1) Approve continuing education courses authorized under this article.
- (2) Propose rules to the board concerning the practice of the profession regulated by each section.
- (3) Other duties as directed by the board.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9. Amended by P.L.33-1993, SEC.40; P.L.255-1996, SEC.20; P.L.147-1997, SEC.34.

IC 25-23.6-2-12**Examinations; testing company services**

Sec. 12. The board may utilize the services of a testing company to prepare, conduct, and score examinations.

As added by P.L.186-1990, SEC.9.